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**THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *KINGS OF PASTRY***  
*Film Captures High-Stakes Drama at France's Most Prestigious Culinary Smack-down*

**SAN DIEGO** – Les Dames d'Escoffier International, and the San Diego Public Library, and PBS' Point-of-View (POV) Series, will host a preview film screening of *Kings of Pastry* on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Les Dames d'Escoffier International is an organization of women of achievement in the culinary field. This free event is open to the public.

When Chris Hegedus and D. A. Pennebaker, award-winning filmmakers of *The War Room*, *Startup.com* and *Don't Look Back*, turn their sights on the competition for the Meilleurs Ouvriers de France awards, the country's Nobel Prize for pastry, you're in for a treat. In *Kings of Pastry*, 16 chefs, including Jacquy Pfeiffer, co-founder of Chicago's French Pastry School, whip up the most gorgeous, delectable, gravity-defying concoctions and edge-of-your-seat drama as they deliver their spun-sugar desserts to the display table. The inevitable disasters and successes prove both poignant and hilarious.

Les Dames d'Escoffier International is the only organization of its kind: a world-wide philanthropic society of professional women leaders in the fields of food, fine beverage and hospitality. The international membership, composed of 28 individual chapters including San Diego, is highly diversified and reflects the multifaceted fields of contemporary gastronomy and hospitality. For more information, please visit [www.ldei.org](http://www.ldei.org) and [www.ldsandiego.org](http://www.ldsandiego.org).

This event is a collaboration with the award-winning documentary series POV ([www.pbs.org/pov](http://www.pbs.org/pov)). Since 1988, PBS' "POV" series has brought the best of independent documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. *Kings of Pastry* is scheduled to debut on national public television on June 21.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)

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